

Claim 10: Line 1, delete "or 9"

Claim 11: Line 1, delete "or 9"

Claim 14: Line 1, change "one of the preceding claims" to

--Claim 1--

Claim 17: Line 7, change "one of Claims 1 to 16" to

--Claim 1--

REMARKS

The amendment to the claims is merely to delete the multiple dependencies and to place the application into better form for examination. Entry of the present amendment and favorable action on the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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